

**INFORMATION
FEBRUARY 2007**

London Challenge 2012

London Challenge 2012 will be launched at 7pm, 8 February 2007 at St Paul's Cathedral. Invitations have been sent out to all clergy in the Diocese, and the invitation has been extended to a number of representatives from parishes and organisations.

Preparation of New Electoral Roll

Electoral rolls are due to be renewed in 2007. Letters have been sent to all incumbents and priests in charge, as well as 'starred' churchwardens and PCC secretaries. Electoral roll application forms can be downloaded from <http://gabriel.london.anglican.org>. Other APCM forms and materials will be available there soon.

Please note that a 2007 renewal allows for only a five year interval since the last renewal of the Roll in 2002, and was based on a decision made by the General Synod to fall in line with the cycle of synodical elections. Future renewals of the Electoral Roll will continue on the usual six-yearly cycle.

Installation of three new prebendaries

The Bishop of London will install three new prebendaries at St Paul's Cathedral on Sunday 4 February. The Revd Stephen Cox (Team Rector, Upper Holloway Team Ministry) will be installed to the prebend of Holywell alias Finsbury. The Revd Andrew Davis (Vicar, Christ the Saviour, Ealing) will be installed to the prebend of Cadington Major. The Revd Stephen Green (St Barnabas Kensington) will be installed to the prebend of Chamberlainwood.

Petitioning Downing Street on church buildings

A petition is online on the Downing Street to encourage the Government to provide more financial help for repair of Church of England church buildings. The petition has currently received over 2,900 signatures. <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/Preservation>.

Deaf and Deafblind Chaplaincy

New information about the Chaplaincy among Deaf & Deafblind people has been added to the Diocesan Website, including the various services the Chaplain can offer congregations around the Diocese and a page to help communicate with Deaf people. Visit www.london.anglican.org/DeafChaplaincy for more information. For copies of the Annual Report, or for any further enquiries, please contact the Chaplain by e: anne.richardson@london.anglican.org.

Off Duty 2007

This website and newsletter contains details over 70 holiday opportunities for church members at home and abroad. Visit www.offduty.org.uk or send an A4 SAE to Off Duty, The Rectory, Sandy Lane, Brindle PR6 8NJ for a free copy.

Retirement of Lawrie Pattinson

Lawrie Pattinson is retiring, having given many years service to the Stepney Area and Diocese as Director of Parish Ministry Development. There will be a valedictory service on Sunday, 11 February at 3.30pm in St Andrew Holborn, presided over by the Bishop of Stepney, followed by a reception. All are welcome! (If possible an indication of attendance would be helpful to bishop.stepney@london.anglican.org.)

If parishes or individuals wish to make a contribution to the Area gift for Lawrie – donations should be sent to Jenny Harding at the Archdeacon of Hackney's Office, 5 Saint Andrew Street, LONDON EC4A 3AB. Cheques payable to The Archdeacon of Hackney.

Clergy safety guidelines

In the event of any incident involving verbal abuse, threats or actual violence to a priest, deacon or a member of their household, they should contact their Area Dean or Archdeacon immediately; they will provide immediate practical and pastoral assistance.

Further information is available at www.london.anglican.org/Regulations/clergy-safety.html.

Altar sought

The Revd David Rogers, Warden of St Peter's Bourne, is looking for a light-coloured, wooden altar, 39" high, 48" wide and 24" deep. If you can help, please contact him by e: warden1@tiscali.co.uk or t: 020 8445 5535.

PEOPLE

Into the Diocese

The Revd Dr Alan McCormack, Dean in Residence and Chaplain of Trinity College, Dublin, Diocese of Dublin, is to be Priest in Charge of St Botolph, Bishopsgate (01/07) and St Vedast, Foster Lane (01/23), from 12 March and 8 March, respectively.

The Revd Ian Crofts, Incumbent of St Faith, Maidstone, Diocese of Canterbury, is to be Incumbent of Jesus Church, Forty Hill (18/24), from 29 March.

The Revd Ronald Herbert, Vicar of St Mary, Becontree, Diocese of Chelmsford, is to be Incumbent of St Michael and All Angels, Stonebridge (21/20), from 4 September.

Within the Diocese

The Revd Patrick Henderson, Priest in Charge of Holy Trinity, Stroud Green (20/11) and Associate Vicar of Holy Innocents, Hornsey (20/09) and Chaplain to the Greig City Academy (20/87), is to be Incumbent of Holy Trinity, Stroud Green and continuing as Associate Vicar of Holy Innocents, Hornsey and Chaplain to the Greig City Academy from 18 February.

The Revd Terence Handley MacMath, Incumbent of All Saints, Harrow Weald (24/02), is now Hospice/Palliative Chaplain at the Royal Free Hampstead NHS Trust.

The Revd Sue Groom, Incumbent of St Matthew, Yiewsley (25/19), is to be Director of Licensed Ministry, Kensington Area, from 1 March.

Out of the Diocese

The Revd Linda Hillier, Curate at St Martin, West Drayton (25/18), is to be Faith and Work Development Officer in Slough, Diocese of Oxford, from 1 April.

Retiring

The Revd Patrick Tuft, Incumbent of St Nicholas with St Mary Magdalene, Chiswick (10/03), has retired.

The Revd Ronald Crankshaw, Incumbent of St Leonard, Heston (10/23), is to retire on 31 January.

The Revd Freda Meadows, NSM Curate at St Peter in the Roxeth Team (24/05A), is to retire on 8 April but will retain Permission to Officiate.

At Diocesan House

Robert Hargrave has taken on the role of Diocesan Communications Officer, dealing with all 'internal' communication. (He remains in post as Pastoral Secretary as Secretary to the Mission Fund.) Luther Pendragon continues to be responsible for press and public relations.